

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:195
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2007
STANDARDISATION OF AYURVEDIC DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a major hurdle in the wide acceptability of ayurvedic drugs is the absence of standardization and the lack of acceptable procedure to establish standards;
- (b) if so, whether any step has been taken by the Government to establish standards for ayurvedic drugs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 195 FOR 28TH NOVEMBER, 2007

Yes, Sir, Standardization of Ayurvedic and other traditional medicine compound drugs is more complex than standardization of single or combination pharmaceutical drugs. Government of India set up the Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia Committee for laying down pharmacopoeial standards. So far pharmaceutical standards of 418 most widely used single crude Ayurvedic drugs have been laid down. First Volume of Pharmacopoeial Standards of 50 most commonly used Ayurvedic compound drugs has also been published in October, 2007. The science of standardization of botanicals is constantly evolving and the pharmacopoeial monographs are accordingly revised from time to time. The Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia Committee is following international norms for pharmacopoeial monographs of single and compound Ayurvedic drugs. Scientific work for laying down Pharmacopoeial standards for another 200 most commonly used Ayurvedic formulations as well as the work of preparation of pharmacopoeial standards for Ayurvedic plant based extracts has also been undertaken by the Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia Committee in collaboration with laboratories of Department of AYUSH, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research as well as other reputed laboratories.